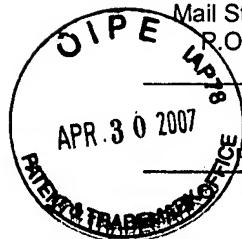


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:



Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents
R.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on April 25, 2007

Date of Deposit

APR. 30 2007

Richard E. Stanley, Jr., Reg. No. 45,662

Name of applicant, assignee or
Registered Representative

Signature

April 25, 2007

Date of Signature

Our Case No. 8627-190
Client Ref. No. PA-5358-CIP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Darin G. Schaeffer

Serial No.: 10/814,610

Filing Date: March 30, 2004

For: STENT WITH RING
ARCHITECTURE AND AXIALLY
DISPLACED CONNECTOR
SEGMENTS

)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)

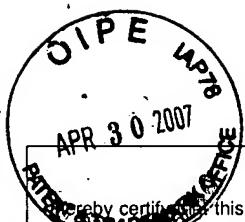
Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller
Group Art Unit No.: 3738

REPLY

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date:
Date: April 25, 2007 Name: Richard E. Stanley, Jr. Signature:

BRINKS
HOFER
GILSON
& LIONE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Darin G. Schaeffer

Appln. No.: 10/814,610

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: STENT WITH RING ARCHITECTURE AND
AXIALLY DISPLACED CONNECTOR
SEGMENTS

Attorney Docket No: 8627-190 (PA-5358-CIP)

Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller

Art Unit: 3738

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

Reply (14p, includes Attachments A and B)
 Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

No additional fee is required.
 An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
 An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Stanley, Jr. (Reg. No. 45,662)

April 25, 2007

Date